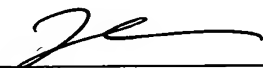


Remarks

In response to the final office action mailed January 11, 2005, the Applicant respectfully requests canceling the rejected claims so as to pass to the case to issue. The Applicant notes that such amendments are made without prejudice and without conceding that the Examiner has properly rejected the canceled claims or that the cited references teach each element associated therewith.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of these amendments and that the case pass to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at jbuser@brookskushman.com if it would further prosecution of this case to issue.

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